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# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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**Welcome to visitors! / New Parishioners!** We are pleased to have you pray with us at Saints Peter and Paul. We hope you enjoy your visit to our beautiful Church. Please introduce yourself after Mass to Father Ron and parishioners; we would like to meet you!



**FR. RON THOMPSON**

**Please Note:**

All Request of the Pastor are kindly asked to be made by phone during regular Office Hours not by Email. As the Parish Office receives dozens of emails daily, phoning is important in order that your request is received. Thank-You.

**ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER**  
*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 23 — 29, 2023

**Holy Mass: Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am**  
(Vespers and Benediction: 3:30pm), 4:00pm

**Weekdays: Monday 8:00AM; Tuesday 4:00PM; Wednesday – Friday 8:00AM**

**First Fridays:** Adoration 12:00 noon– 6:45pm; **Benediction 6:45pm; Second Mass 7:00pm**

**Saturdays and Civic Holidays: 9:00 am**

**Confessions: Wednesday—Friday; 8:30AM; Saturday: 9:30 am and 4:00–4:30 pm**

**Office Schedule:** Tuesday—Friday: 9:00 am—3:00 pm

**By Appointment; Marriage:** Notify 8 Months in Advance.

## THINGS TO NOTE:

There will be no Vespers for the next two Sundays, 23rd & 30th April 2023.

## THIS SUNDAY'S READING, 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 23RD APRIL

The people of God have always been a pilgrim people. Since the beginning of Lent, we have traced their steps from the garden of Eden to the garden of the empty tomb. It was never an easy journey. It led them through wilderness and through desert. It took them from slavery to the land of promise to exile and back again. They knew what it was a walk in the valley of the shadow of death. Yet they never travelled unaccompanied. The ever-faithful God revealed his presence to them in fire and cloud, in bread from heaven and water from the rock and in the word of the prophets.

Their story culminated in the great paschal journey undertaken in their name of Jesus Christ. It is that journey from death to life which we celebrate on all these Sundays of Easter, as today's first readings remind us.

But the journey has not needed. We, the people of God, are still in pilgrimage toward the kingdom of God in its fullness. And it is no easy journey. It sometimes leads us, as it led the first disciples, through the wilderness of doubt and the desert of despair. It takes us from hope to disappointment to confusion and back again. It is a journey marked by the sign of the cross. Yet we, like our forebears, never travel unaccompanied. The Lord whom we follow points out the road through the word proclaimed in our assemblies. He reveals himself as food for the journey in the breaking of the bread.

## FAITH STUDIES SERIES

First Fridays of every month: 10:30 - 11:45 am

Coffee : 10:15 am

Dates of Faith Studies:

**Friday, 5th May**

**"Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist"**

Friday, 2nd June 2023

All Individuals are invited to participate in video presentations & discussions. See you there!



## MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>April 23rd, Third Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>April 24th, Easter Tide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Hilario Sr. †</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>April 25th, St. Mark, 68 †</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Yu-Mei Huang Li †</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>April 26th, Easter Tide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Pauline Cheng †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>April 27th, Easter Tide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Margaret Dunn †</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>April 28th, Easter Tide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Robert Dunn †</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>April 29th, St. Catherine of Siena, 1380 † Fourth Sunday of Easter,</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Genoveffa Chies † Dr. Alphonsus Hui †</i>



### OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023 will mark the 100TH ANNIVERSARY Of the founding of

**Sts. Peter & Paul Parish** SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH  
MASS 5 PM & DINNER 6:30 PM WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

**Tickets will be on sale, beginning in April 22/23, Ticket Price \$100.00 with Table of 8 for \$800.00**

We are looking for more photos, films, videos of any parish events, within the last 99 years, and would love to include them in our 100th Anniversary celebration Souvenir Program Book and our Video History.

**Please drop off your memorabilia in person at the Parish Office.**

For details or to share your photos, please contact the Parish Office, **604-261-3535** or email **parish.sspp@rcav.org**



#### READERS FOR MASS

We are looking for more readers for our Masses. If you can help, simply phone the parish office. Thank-you for your assistance.

### STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GROUP



Next meeting will be the **Thursday 4th of May**, (instead of Wednesday May 3rd) at 7 pm, at the Church.

Presentation: The Presence of the Mystery of the Eucharist "Bread for the Journey"

Discussion & Refreshments to follow. Come and join us!

### **MONERIS (DIRECT DEPOSIT) DEDICATED GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE TO THE PARISH**

To make Sunday giving as easy and effective as possible, our parish is now providing a new option for the weekly collection: *Dedicated Giving through electronic payments. Regular Sunday contribution will be taken on the 1st of each month and the Building Fund is taken on the 15th of each month.*

*If you are interested please fill out a form and place it in a sealed Moneris Envelope and drop it off at the Parish Office or the Rectory Mail Slot.*

#### ADVANTAGES TO YOU

- *Regular and consistent support to the parish*
- *Continued support if you are away*
- *Eliminates "catch-up" periods*
- *Convenience of not having to write weekly cheques*

#### ADVANTAGES TO THE PARISH

- *Allows regular, dependable flow of contributions*
- *Enables effective planning of our parish resources.*
- *Reduces paperwork and bookkeeping*



### CALLING ON MUSICIANS, (ORGANIST, VIOLINIST, FLUTISTS) PLAYERS

We are looking for volunteer musicians to play at our Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 4:00 pm Mass. If you are able to play 1 or 2 times a month, please contact the parish Office. Thank you for lifting up our voices.



### ALTAR SERVERS:

There is a need for Altar servers at our Masses. Young men & boys (Grade 3 +) are invited to serve at the weekend Masses. Simply contact the parish office & Father will give them simple instructions.

Thank you for stepping forward, saying "yes" and thus adding to the dignity of Holy Mass.

# STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION: MEDITATIONS ON JESUS' APPEARANCES

## PART 1 OF 2



Similar to the Via Crucis (the Way of the Cross), the Via Lucis (the Way of Light) is composed of 14 stations that highlight various episodes in the Gospels that occur after the Resurrection of Jesus.

The Via Lucis is a growing devotion of contemplation, noted by the Catholic Church in the Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy (n. 153, December 17, 2001).

“For centuries the Via Crucis involved the faithful in the first moment of the Easter event, namely the Passion, and helped to fix its most important aspects in their consciousness. Analogously, the Via Lucis, when celebrated in fidelity to the Gospel text, can effectively convey a living understanding to the faithful of the second moment of the Pascal event, namely the Lord’s Resurrection,” the Holy See explains in the official document.

“The Via Lucis is potentially an excellent pedagogy of the faith, since ‘per crucem ad lucem.’ Using the metaphor of a journey, the Via Lucis moves from the experience of suffering, which in God’s plan is part of life, to the hope of arriving at man’s true end: liberation, joy, and peace, which are essentially paschal values.”

We offer here the Gospel passages of the 14 stations of the Via Lucis, illustrated by some of the greatest artists of all time.

### **First station, Jesus rises from death From the Gospel according to Mathew (Mt 28,1-7)**

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”

### **Second station, The disciples find the tomb empty, From the Gospel according to John (Jn 20,1-9)**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen clothes lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

### **Third station, The Risen Christ appears to Mary Magdalene, From the Gospel according to John (Jn 20,11-18)**

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### **Fourth station, The Risen Christ on the road to Emmaus, From the Gospel according to Luke (Lk 24,13-19.25-27)**

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that had happened there in these days?” (...) And he said to them, “O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

### **Fifth station, The Christ reveals himself in the breaking of bread, From the Gospel according to Luke (Lk 24,28-35)**

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, “Say with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them, And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.



## NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the Parish, please fill out a Registration Form available in the vestibule and drop it in the Collection Basket.

If you would like Donation Envelopes and/or the BC Catholic please remember to check the boxes on the registration form.

If you would like to Donate via Direct Deposit please complete a MONERIES form and return it back to the parish.

For those already registered, any changes such as your address, tel. #, etc., please contact the Parish Office at 604-261-3535.

**NB:** The Building Fund contributions are not taxed by the Diocese, whereas the regular Sunday contributions are taxed at 14%.

## THE ORDER OF MALTA

### REQUEST FOR CLOTHING & NON-PERISHABLE FOOD



The Order of Malta is organizing Blue Drop Boxes in the back of the parish vestibule for the "Door is Open" Catholic charity.

If you have any reasonably worn clothing that can be reused and non-perishable food you can drop them in the blue boxes that should be available on:

27—28 May

17—18 June

To find out more about how your donations help our community:

<https://www.thedoorisopen.ca/>

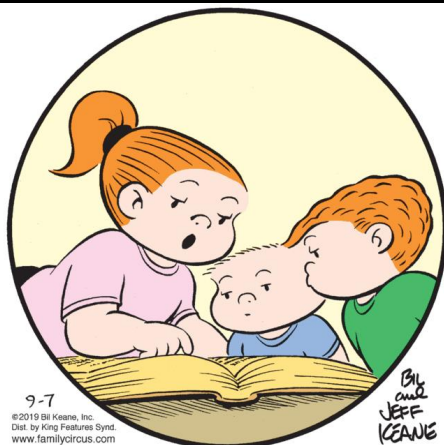
Please ensure that any donations are placed in the Blue Box Provided and **ONLY on the days provided above, otherwise they will be removed.**

## LEAVE A LEGACY

By remembering Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in your Will; by this you leave a legacy in a place you love. Consider a bequest to the Parish Building

Fund.

This will enhance the Church's mandate to sanctify & teach as we enter into our 2nd 100 years of service. May our Lord reward you in this life and in the next.



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“See? It's one of the Ten Commandments: You kids better do 'zactly what thy Mommy and Daddy tell ya to do.”

By and  
JEFF  
KEANE



## Building Fund

We are moving forward with having our own Parish Centre, this massive project will take the efforts of many people to support. If you can please consider giving to the Building Fund, every cent of the Building Fund will go towards this Parish Goal.

**A big Thank-You to all parishioners for their support in this effort!**

## MEDIA FOR CATHOLICS

FORMED

FORMED is a **FREE** website for Parishioners of Saints Peter & Paul Parish, all you have to do is sign-up online via your computer or smart devices with the app if you would like.

Steps for Parishioners to register for **FREE** on FORMED:

1. go to "signup.formed.org"
2. Type "Saints Peter & Paul Vancouver" to find and click on our Parish:  
**Saints Peter & Paul Parish 1425 W 39th Ave Vancouver BC**
3. Click "Next"
4. Type first and last name as well as your personal email address and click "Sign Up"

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?



*How long does it take to become a Catholic?*

Becoming Catholic is a life-long commitment. However, the Christian initiation process typically lasts for few months in order to prepare to take this step. Participants in the initiation process generally meet at least once a week. **Here at Sts. Peter & Paul our program will begin, Tuesday, September 27, 2022 @ 7:00 pm at our Parish Church. Father will use the program called, "The Search" (7 weeks program) found in our FORMED database. The Second part will take place in the New Year.** The initiation of individuals who are ready to make the commitment to become new members of the Catholic Church usually take place at Easter (Easter this coming year is Saturday, April 8, 2023).

More questions? Contact the Parish Office

## QUIET CONTEMPLATION TIME

The Church is open for prayer during the Christmas season, Wednesday—Friday 12noon—3:00 pm [including First Friday, 6 January 2023 but No Benediction or 7 pm on this day]

*"Come let us adore Him."*